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SUBJECT: SECURITY - US MISSION TO OECD

REF: PARIS 22964 AND PARIS 25391

1. SINCE MY ARRIVAL, I HAVE BEEN CONCERNED ABOUT THE INADEQUATE SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS PROVIDED FOR THE LEASED SPACE OCCUPIED BY THE MISSION. THE ABSENCE OF ANY MINIMALLY ACCEPTABLE MEANS FOR CONTROLLING ACCESS TO THE MISSION DURING BUSINESS HOURS MAKES THE MISSION AND ITS STAFF OPEN AND EASY TARGETS FOR ANY TYPE OF TERRORIST ACTIVITY. AS DEPARTMENT AWARE, OECD ENERGY AGENCY LIKELY BE ESTABLISHED IN NOVEMBER. DUE INTERNATIONAL SENSITIVITY AND DELICACY OF WORK PLANNED FOR THIS AGENCY AS WELL US INITIATIVE TO SET UP AGENCY WITH EXTENSIVE MANDATE IN THE ENERGY FIELD, OECD AND INDIRECTLY THE US MISSION LIKELY BE SUBJECT OF EXTERNAL PUBLICITY THAT WILL INCREASE LIKELIHOOD OF MISSION BECOMING TARGET FOR DISRUPTIVE TERRORIST ACTIVITIES.

2. AS FIRST STEP TO IMPROVING SECURITY ARRANGEMENTS AT MISSION, PARIS RSO (A) RECOMMENDED CONTRACT WITH LOCAL SECURITY FIRM FOR GUARD SERVICES UNTIL FULL MARINE GUARD COVERAGE CAN BE PROVIDED; (B) WILL HAVE DRAFT

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COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY SURVEY COMPLETED BY NOVEMBER 4,

1974; AND (C) HAS REQUESTED EARLY VISIT BY TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER TO CONDUCT SURVEY MISSION OFFICES.

3. WE AGREE WITH ABOVE ACTIONS BY RSO, HUT FEEL THAT PACE OF WORK MUST BE ACCELERATED SO THAT SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS MAY BE INITIATED IN EARLY NOVEMBER AND COMPLETED AS EXPEDITIOUSLY AS POSSIBLE.

4. TO ACCOMPLISH THIS, WE RECOMMEND THAT:

(A) THE TECHNICAL SECURITY OFFICER SCHEDULE AN EARLY NOVEMBER TRIP TO OECD TO REVIEW RSO'S COMPREHENSIVE SECURITY SURVEY AND TO PROVIDE TECHNICAL ADVICE ON MOST PRACTICAL AND EFFECTIVE MEANS IMPLEMENTING RSO RECOMMENDATIONS;

(B) THE MARINE GUARD COMPLEMENT AT PARIS BE BROUGHT UP TO FULL STRENGTH ASAP SO THAT 24-HOUR COVERAGE CAN BE PROVIDED TO THE MISSION;

(C) THE MISSION BE AUTHORIZED TO ENTER INTO A CONTRACT FOR GUARD SERVICE WITH EFFECT FROM NOVEMBER 16, 1974.

(D) REQUEST DEPARTMENT AGREEMENT IN PRINCIPLE PROVIDE FUNDING FOR NECESSARY SECURITY IMPROVEMENTS. FOR PLANNING PURPOSES FEEL THAT AMOUNT OF \$20,000 BE NECESSARY IMPLEMENT SECURITY RECOMMENDATIONS. DETAILED ESTIMATES BE OBTAINED AS SOON AS SECURITY SURVEY AVAILABLE AND TSO MAKES RECOMMENDATIONS FOR IMPLEMENTATION. FROM OUR CONVERSATIONS WITH RSO, LIKELY MAJOR RECOMMENDATIONS BE FOR STRUCTURAL RELOCATION OF ENTRYWAY, PROVISION MORE SECURE DOORS FOR ALL ENTRANCES, AND CONTRACT FOR SIX MONTHS COMMERCIAL GUARD SERVICE.

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